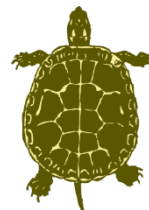


UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT *YOUR* LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Refuge Open Daily Sunrise-Sunset; Visitor Center Open Saturday-Sunday, 10AM-4PM
The Visitor Center is located at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA. For questions about programming, please contact Ranger Katie (Kathryn_nathenson@fws.gov or 978-440-0875)



Starting May 1st 2017, the Visitor Center will be closed on Fridays due to staffing limitations and low visitation. Regular hours are now Saturday and Sunday from 10AM-4PM.

The Visitor Center will be closed on Saturday June 17th due to RIVERFEST 2017 at Great Meadows NWR (RIVERFEST 2017, 10AM-2PM at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776).

Exhibit of the Month: JUNE	ART AND NATURE: HOW ART INSPIRES CONSERVATION Stop by the Visitor Center during regular hours and see our new monthly exhibit. This month focuses on art and photography inspired by the residents and landscapes of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge.
Movie of the Month: JUNE	LEAVE NO TRACE (Runtime: 9 min.) This month's movie explains the principles of the Leave No Trace program. Movie of the month plays on a loop in the Visitor Center during regular hours throughout the month.
Saturdays 9 AM-12 PM	ASSABET PULLING TOGETHER VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES Come join Assabet Pulling Together, a volunteer-led team focused on the removal of invasive flora from Refuge grounds. Work parties are held every Saturday from 9AM-noon, rain or shine, suggested attire is light-colored clothing, a hat, and work gloves. Please contact Dave Lange at delange005@earthlink.net for more information.
Saturday, June 3rd at 10 AM-2 PM	FAMILY DAY AT THE REFUGE (Drumlin Farm Summer Camp Open House) There will be family activities throughout the day ranging from face painting and storytelling to live animal presentations. This day is co-sponsored with Mass Audubon Drumlin Farm Day Camp, so come learn about the upcoming summer camps at the Refuge, as well as getting outside to learn about the natural environment! This is a fun filled day to get to know the refuge and to find out why it is a wonderful place for families to visit.
Wednesday, June 21st at 7 PM	FRIENDS OF ASSABET RIVER NWR MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES: JIM LAGACY Join us on a time travel trip that will focus on the history of wildlife in Massachusetts starting from early settlement through the present. MassWildlife's Jim Lagacy will explain how changes in the landscape changed wildlife populations and people from the colonial era through the present. Jim Lagacy is the Angler Education Coordinator for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. In this capacity he manages a statewide learn-to-fish program and has been doing so for better than 20 years. He has a background in fish and wildlife biology with degrees in Environmental Science and Wildlife Biology. He resides in Ware Massachusetts with his wife and two children.
Saturday, June 24th at 9:30 AM	REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. This month's theme will be on turkeys. Programs will be held the 4 th Saturday of every month 10:30am – 11:30am for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.

GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Concord Impoundments on Monsen Road, off Rte. 62 in Concord, MA 01742

Sudbury Headquarters is on 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

<p>Saturday, June 17th at 10 AM-2 PM</p>	<p>RIVERFEST 2017: Great Meadows NWR (*Sudbury*) Join us for a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. Events will be held rain or shine at the Refuge Headquarters.</p> <p>Calling All Anglers: Beginners and experienced anglers come join MassWildlife's angler expert Jim Lagacy to learn how to fly-cast, spin-cast, and even tie your own fly. All equipment will be provided. This event qualifies as a free fishing day, so state fishing licenses are not required to participate. <i>10 AM-2 PM</i></p> <p>Family Fun for Everyone: Join refuge staff in games, crafts, and face painting, or go for a hike on the new accessible boardwalk trail to discover the variety of riverine habitats. <i>10 AM-2 PM</i></p> <p>Plein Air Painting: Art instructor Cecilia Sharma's free watercolor workshop with demonstration and personal instruction. Get inspired from nature by painting in Plein air while learning to capture the illusion of light and depth in your landscape painting. <i>10 AM-1PM</i></p> <p>Wildlife-Up Close and Personal: Join Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm naturalist for a family-friendly visit with native wildlife, birds and reptiles that live along the banks of the rivers and depend on a healthy habitat. <i>11 AM-1 PM</i></p> <p>Snakes of New England and the World: See a variety of local snakes close up, and a few exotic ones too. Rick Roth, Director of the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team, will bring some of his favorites and talk about their lives and habits. <i>1-2 PM</i></p> <p>RIVERUKE: A ukulele meetup at Riverfest: Come celebrate the joys of rivers with your ukulele! Bring a stand, and a seat; please download chord charts and print out. All levels of players welcome! No uke? Come and sing with us or just enjoy the sounds as you explore activities at Great Meadows. <i>1-2 PM</i></p>
<p>Friday, June 9th at 7 PM</p>	<p>FULL MOON WALKS: A Sense of Place at Great Meadows NWR (Concord) Clear or cloudy, join me to savor the light and energy of the full moon as it stirs the spirit of Great Meadows this spring. Dress in warming layers for the cool spring breezes that blow. This will be my last scheduled public walk before I head off for the green hills of Vermont! Each walk will last 1.5 - 2 hours. See sense-of-place-concord.blogspot.com, email cherrie.corey@verizon.net or call 978-760-1933. For up to date program information and weather cancellation notices, go to the new Calendar of Programs and Events tab, located just under the website masthead. No pre-registration required. Meet at the information kiosk by the parking lot, Great Meadows NWR in Concord (Monsen Rd, off Rte. 62, driveway on left where road curves right). Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Assabet River NWR. Participants of this program will not be charged the refuge entrance fee at this site.</p>

REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES

[Except Service Animals]

Contact Us

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http://www.fws.gov/refuge/assabet_river

Friends of Assabet River: <http://www.farnwr.org/>

Friends of the Oxbow NWR: <http://www.friendsoftheoxbownwr.org/>

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